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SUBJECT:SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON BIKINI

DOTA NO.189-TT

- 1. TO HICOM TTPI. FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION DEPHICOM JUAN INSERTION IN TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD OF JUNE 19 INTERIOR SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING ON BIKINI RESETTLEMENT. YOU WILL NEED TO COORDINATE REPLY WITH BUSSEL, FOOD SERVICES OFFICER, HQ, AND MRS. EDWARDS, MARSHALLS DISTRICT, WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIAL FEEDING PROGRAM STARTED LAST NOVEMBER AS WELL AS WITH DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE ON FIELD TRIP FREQUENCIES. QUESTIONS ARE:
- (1) PROVIDE LISTING OF ALL FIELD TRIP VISITS AND VESSEL NAMES WITH DATES OF ARRIVAL AT BIKINI ISLAND STARTING WITH YEAR 1972 IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL VISITS BY SHIP OR PLANE TO TAKE FOOD TO BIKINI ISLAND. UNCLASSIFIED

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KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EARLIER FEEDING PROGRAM CONSISTED OF REGULAR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AS WELL AS SPECIAL MARSHALL ISLAND DISTRICT FOOD SUBSIDY FOR THE

RESIDENTS OF BIKINI ISLAND.

(2) GIVE SEPARATE BREAKDOWN OF ALL VISITS, NAMES, AND

TIMES OF ARRIVAL OF VESSELS AT BIKINI ATOLL AND ALSO PLANE VISITS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIAL FEEDING PROGRAM STARTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER.

FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, BIKINIANS AT HOUSE HEARING CLAIM THAT IN LAST SIX MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN FOOD SHIPMENTS ONLY ON AVERAGE OF EVERY TWO MONTHS INSTEAD OF MONTHLY FOOD SHIP-MENTS AS HIGH COMM. AND DISTAD EARLIER REPORTED. ALSO BIKINIANS CLAIM THAT FOR EARLIER FOOD SHIPMENTS THERE WERE TIMES WHEN INTERVALS BETWEEN FIELD TRIP VISITS WERE THREE TO SIX MONTHS. WE REALIZE THAT THERE WERE PERIODS EARLIER WHEN MARSHALLS DISTRICT FIELD TRIP SERVICE WAS HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF FIELD TRIP VESSELS AND THAT DURING CERTAIN PERIODS REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULES TO BIKINI ISLAND WERE NOT POSSIBLE. DISTAD DEBRUM THINKS THOUGH THAT DURING SUCH TIMES, UP TO SEVERAL MONTHS FOOD SUPPLY AT A TIME WAS DELIVERED TO BIKINI ISLAND TO HANDLE THIS TYPE OF SITUATION. QUERY-CAN YOUR FOOD SHIPMENT RECORDS TO BIKINI ISLAND BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE HOW OFTEN SUCH DELAYS MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED? ALSO, CHECK TO DETERMINE HOW MANY EMERGENCY FOOD DELIVERIES BY SPECIAL SHIP OR PLANE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY RADIO REQUESTS FROM BIKINI ISLAND. FINAL POINT, ALL OF ABOVE QUESTIONS RELATE TO BIKINI ISLAND, NOT TO KILI. REPEAT, NOT TO KILI. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE, DIRECTOR, OTA, SENDS. VANCE

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